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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Responsive to the Official Action mailed June 28, 2004, Applicant provides the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to include a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Various grammatical, clerical, and minor errors have also been corrected in the specification. No new matter has been entered.

Also enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over claims 1 – 18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,129. Therefore, no specific discussion of the Double Patenting rejection is believed necessary.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 50 - 55 and 61 - 68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and with the filing of an approved terminal disclaimer. Applicant has rewritten claims 50, 52, 54, 61, 62, 65, and 67 in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has also filed a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claims 50, 52, 54, 61, 62, 65, and 67 are now in condition for allowance.

The dependency of claim 51 has been amended to depend from claim 50 to address the Examiner's objection to claim 51. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 51 is now in condition for allowance for similar reasons as claim 50 in addition to its own further limitations. Other dependent claims 53, 55, 63, 64, 66, and 68 depend from independent claims

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52, 54, 62, 62, 65, and 67 respectively and are also allowable by virtue of their dependency from such claims in addition to their own further limitations.

In an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has also cancelled, without prejudice, claims 47 - 49 and claims 56 - 60. Applicant may pursue the cancelled claims in a later related patent application. Accordingly, no specific discussion of the 102 rejection is necessary.

Regarding fees, enclosed is a credit card authorization form authorizing a charge in the amount of \$454 for the Terminal Disclaimer Fee (\$110) for a large entity and for excess claim fees (\$344) for four independent claims in excess of three. In the event any additional fees are payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121 or credit any overpayment.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, all of the presently pending claims 50 - 55 and 61 - 68 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Early allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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